

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mitsuhiro KURANO Examiner: (To be assigned)
Ser. No.: 10/597953 Art Group: 3749
Title: DIRECT HEATING TUBE AND METHOD OF HEATING FLUID USING
SAME
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FOURTH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION – begin on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS – None.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS – begin on page 3.